

House File 436 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study and report on establishing an
2 additional regents institution or a regents outpost.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. ADDITIONAL REGENTS INSTITUTION OR OUTPOST —
2 STUDY AND REPORT.

3 1. The board of regents, in consultation with the
4 department of education and other stakeholders, shall conduct a
5 feasibility study regarding the establishment of an additional
6 institution of higher education or a regents outpost to be
7 jointly utilized by existing institutions of higher education,
8 to be governed by the board. The study shall consider how
9 greater geographic balance in access to postsecondary education
10 in this state can best be achieved and how unmet regional needs
11 regarding course offerings in postsecondary education in this
12 state can best be served.

13 2. The board shall submit a report on its findings and
14 recommendations to the general assembly by December 19, 2014.
15 The report shall include recommendations for possible locations
16 for an additional institution of higher education or a regents
17 outpost that would best achieve greater geographic balance in
18 access to postsecondary education in this state. The report
19 shall also include recommendations for course offerings which
20 would best allow an additional institution of higher education
21 or a regents outpost to serve unmet regional needs in this
22 state.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill directs the board of regents, in consultation with
25 the department of education and other stakeholders, to conduct
26 a feasibility study regarding establishment of an additional
27 institution of higher education or a regents outpost to be
28 jointly utilized by existing institutions of higher education.
29 The institution or outpost would be governed by the board.
30 The study shall consider how greater geographic balance in
31 access to postsecondary education in Iowa can best be achieved
32 and how unmet regional needs regarding course offerings in
33 postsecondary education in Iowa can best be served.

34 The bill directs the board to report on its findings and
35 recommendations to the general assembly by December 19, 2014.

1 The report shall include recommendations for possible locations
2 for an additional institution of higher education or a regents
3 outpost that would best achieve greater geographic balance in
4 access to postsecondary education in Iowa. The report shall
5 also include recommendations for course offerings which would
6 best allow an additional institution of higher education or a
7 regents outpost to serve unmet regional needs in Iowa.